

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: SHARIAT

Docket No. SS-003

Application Number: 10/624,722

Examiner: A. Piziali

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Art Unit: 1771

For: STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE HAVING DECORATED OUTER
SURFACE AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

ELECTION AND REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 17, 2004. A shortened statutory period of one month was set for applicant to respond to the Requirement.

This paper (ELECTION AND REMARKS) is being submitted one month after the termination of the shortened statutory period set for response.

Applicant respectfully requests that the period for response be extended one additional month to January 17, 2005 (actually until January 18, 2005 since January 17, 2005 is a national holiday and the US Patent and Trademark Office is closed on January 17, 2005), and has included with these papers submitted a check for \$60.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Applicant is, and remains, a small entity.

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1. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement to restrict the invention to one set of claims identified as Group I claims and Group II claims, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (namely, claims 1-19, drawn to a structural element, and classified in class 442, subclass 251).


2. SPECIES ELECTION

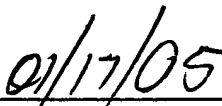
Further, in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Examiner's Action, applicant is being asked to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, the species being defined as Species I drawn to a structural element wherein the barrier layer is a layer of woven polyester material, and Species II drawn to a structural element wherein the barrier layer is a layer of non-woven polyester material.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Species I, namely claims 1-5, 7-10, and 12-18.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is a generic claim. Applicant believes claim 13 is also a generic independent claim.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of applicant,


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